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REMARKS

The final Office Action dated February 9, 2004 has been carefully reviewed. Claims 1, 4-6, 9 and 10 are pending in this patent application while claims 11, 14-16, 19 and 20 have been previously withdrawn. Reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 1, 4-6, 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coskrey, IV (U.S. Patent No. 6,676,016, hereinafter "Coskrey") in view of Hayashi (U.S. Patent 4,739,295). In light of the unavailability of the Coskrey reference for the cited combination under 35 U.S.C. 103(c), the final rejection should be withdrawn.

Use of the Coskrey Patent in the 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection is Improper

35 U.S.C. § 103(c) reads:

Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of the subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

The above-identified § 103 rejection uses Coskrey as a prior art reference to support the § 103 ground of rejection. However, the Coskrey patent cannot be properly applied against the pending patent application under 35 U.S.C. § 103 because the pending patent application and the Coskrey patent are and have

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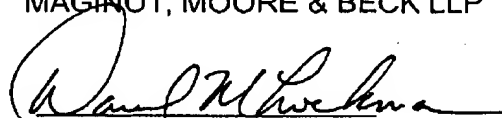
been owned by NCR Corporation. According to Attachment I, the assignment to NCR regarding the pending application was recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") at the time that the application was filed. Attachment II indicates that the assignment of the Coskrey patent to NCR is noted on the face of the patent. (See Attachments I and II). These documents attest to the common ownership of the subject matter in the Coskrey patent and Applicant's claimed invention at the time the invention was made. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested. For a further explanation, see MPEP 706.02(I).

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is submitted that the ground of final rejection cannot be supported and should be withdrawn. Action to that end and allowance of all pending claims are hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment I

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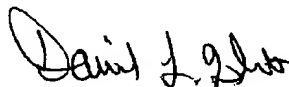
WHEREAS, NCR Corporation, a corporation of the State of Maryland, having its principal place of business in Dayton, Ohio, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and of other valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said NCR Corporation, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and improvements in any form or embodiment thereof, disclosed and claimed in said application, or which are disclosed and may be claimed; also the entire right, title and interest in and to any Letters Patent to be granted in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries upon said invention in any form or upon any such improvements thereon, and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent on said application to the said NCR Corporation, of Maryland, its successors and assigns.

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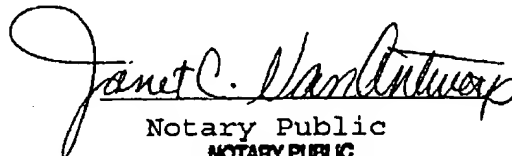


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STATE OF GEORGIA)
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On this 29th day of August, 2000, before me personally appeared DANIEL F. WHITE, to me personally known and known to be the person who signed the foregoing assignment, and acknowledged the signing thereof as his free act and deed.

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Attachment II



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(12) **United States Patent**
Coskrey, IV

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(45) Date of Patent: **Jan. 13, 2004**

(54) **RETAIL TERMINAL CONFIGURED AS CONSUMER GATEWAY TO ELECTRONIC BILLING APPLICATION**

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(57) ABSTRACT

A retail terminal is utilized as a gateway to an electronic billing application that allows a user to gain access to the electronic billing application and thereafter tender payment for the bill. A paper bill that is sent to a user is encoded with user login information that is obtainable by the retail terminal. The retail terminal obtains the user login information from the bill and logs the user into the electronic billing application. Various peripheral devices associated with the retail terminal are configured to accept payment for the bill. In one form, the user login information is encoded as a bar code on the bill that contains a user ID and, optionally, a password. The present invention improves the usability and reliability of an electronic billing application. Further, the present invention minimizes the chance that a user will erroneously enter someone else's account number, and provide a level of security by ensuring that the user is in possession of the printed bill. The electronic billing application is configured to be accessed from the retail terminal, read the user's login information from the bill, authenticate the information, and accept payment therefor.

20 Claims, 3 Drawing Sheets

